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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the note by the Secretary-General of 21 September 2016 (A/71/396), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint one member of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancy that resulted from the resignation of George Bartsiotas (United States of America), effective 30 September 2016. In accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the person so appointed will serve for a full term, beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2021.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having consulted the regional group concerned, determined that the United States of America should be requested to propose a candidate to replace Mr. Bartsiotas (see annex I).

3. The candidate, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, should have experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and or programme performance, as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

4. The President of the Assembly has held the consultations prescribed in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 14 October 2016 by the President of the Assembly are annexed to the present note (see annexes II and III).

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5. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidate for appointment as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2021:

Eileen Cronin (United States of America)

Annex I

Note verbale dated 9 November 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly and has the honour to confirm the candidature of Eileen Cronin for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit for the term to start in January 2017, through elections to be held during the main part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

Ms. Cronin has more than 25 years of management and leadership experience in the government, non-profit, academic and the private sectors, including in the United States, the Asia-Pacific region, Southern and Eastern Africa and Eastern Europe. She has held positions in performance management and evaluation as well as programme development in several sectors. She has expertise in performance management, organizational development and strategic planning as well as public policy development and analysis. Ms. Cronin's background is well suited to performing this role. It is hoped that her candidature will receive the most favourable consideration. A copy of Ms. Cronin's curriculum vitae is enclosed.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the President of the General Assembly the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae*

Eileen A. Cronin

Ms. Cronin has more than 25 years of management and leadership experience, within government, non-profit, academic and the private sector, including in the United States, the Asia-Pacific region, Southern and Eastern Africa, and Eastern Europe. She has held positions in performance management and evaluation as well as program development in several sectors. She has expertise in performance management, organizational development and strategic planning as well as public policy development and analysis.

Currently, Ms. Cronin is the Chief of Evaluation and Aid Effectiveness in the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance Resources at the U.S. Department of State. Ms. Cronin oversees the implementation of the Department's evaluation policy for the bureaus and offices with foreign assistance funds and supervises a staff that provides training and technical assistance on planning, managing and conducting program evaluations. She serves as the State Department representative to the Evaluation Network of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development/Development Assistance Committee (OECD/DAC). In 2016, Ms. Cronin served on loan to the U.S. Department of Defense to develop its inaugural Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation Policy.

Prior to joining the State Department in 2012, Ms. Cronin held several overseas staff positions with the U.S. Peace Corps, including Programming and Training Officer for the re-opening of the program in Fiji (2005), Deputy Director for the program in Thailand (2005), Regional Advisor in Southern Africa, covering seven country programs (2007), and finally as Country Director in Swaziland (2008). She received several awards for her work with the Peace Corps, including a Sustained Superior Performance Award for assessing and implementing continuous improvements (2007), an Outstanding Performance Award for developing agency-wide resources on program transitions (2008) and a Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Ms. Cronin served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the role of Municipal Development Advisor from 1999 to 2001.

From 1995 to 1999, Ms. Cronin provided organizational development and consulting services to Corporation for National Service programs in the areas of program planning and development, monitoring and evaluation, and communications, leading several program evaluations in the health, education and community development sectors as well as conducting several management assessments for government and non-profit clients.

Ms. Cronin has also held positions in the private sector and academia. She holds a B.A. in English Literature from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and a Master's of Science in Communication Studies from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Annex II

Letter dated 20 October 2016 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write to you in response to your letter of 14 October 2016, regarding consultations held with the Chairs of regional groups to appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the Joint Inspection Unit that occurred on 30 September 2016, owing to the resignation of Inspector George Bartsiotas.

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, as provided for in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidate and have the pleasure to inform you that I am in full agreement with the proposal to nominate Eileen Cronin.

(*Signed*) Frederick **Shava**
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex III

Letter dated 4 November 2016 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 14 October 2016, regarding the proposed appointment to a vacancy at the Joint Inspection Unit, to be filled by December 2016.

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, and following consultations with members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, I have the pleasure to inform you that, in my capacity as Chair, I concur with the appointment of Eileen A. Cronin (United States of America).

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon